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Asbestos Health Fair scheduled March 5

The second annual Asbestos Health Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, in the Ponderosa Room at Libby City Hall.

The room will be full with booths manned by various agencies and companies there to offer information on asbestos-related disease, demonstrate equipment, give free health evaluations and tests and draw blood to assist scientists in ongoing research.

Lectures will be featured throughout the day. At 11 a.m., Dr. Brad Black will speak about the various research projects in which the Center for Asbestos Related Disease is involved.

At noon, Ann Cook, Ph.D., and Helena Hoas, Ph.D., will speak about understanding

exactly what is involved before volunteering to be a research subject. Cook and Hoas are currently conducting research under a project called the National Rural Bioethics Program at the University of Montana.

Their presentation will be followed at 1 p.m. by Liz Putnam, Ph.D., and Mark Pershouse, Ph.D., both research scientists at the University of Montana's Center for Environmental Health Sciences, who will explain their current research on Libby asbestos.

Other agencies and companies that will be available include Libby Care Center, ARDNet, Senior Center, A Full Life Agency, CARD Clinic, EPA, MASSA, SJLH-HHH, Lincare, Norco, Kalispell Medical, CHC, Libby Clinic,

SJLH, Curves, Montana Athletic Club, LAMP, E:ABC's, Intrepid and Aspen Grove Acupuncture.

The Asbestos Health Fair is for anyone who is interested in asbestos-related health information such as finding financial resources, ongoing research, getting help around the house, ways to stay healthy and active, breathing exercises, available treatment and equipment and advice on quitting smoking.

The Asbestos Health Fair is sponsored by The Asbestos Related Disease Network, which is a collaboration between various agencies in Libby working together to solve problems related to asbestos care in our community.

For more information, call Helen or Tanis at 293-9274.